

**United States District Court for the District of Alaska** *continued*

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**John W. Sedwick**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: Dartmouth 1968 BA; Harvard 1972 JD  
 Began Service: October 15, 1992  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Director, Natural Resources Division, State of Alaska  
 (1981-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1972-1981); Burr, Pease & Kurtz  
 (1983-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Air National Guard (1969-1971)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar  
 Association; Anchorage Bar Association, Inc.

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Heidi Borson** ..... (907) 677-6251  
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**Ralph R. Beistline**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: Alaska 1972 BA; U Puget Sound 1974 JD  
 Began Service: May 24, 2002  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Judge The Honorable Taylor, Superior Court of  
 Alaska (1974-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Court of Alaska (1992-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin  
 (1975-1978); Partner, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin  
 (1979-1992)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Brian Gross** ..... (907) 677-6257  
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 Term Expires: August 2007  
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**Timothy M. Burgess**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
 Education: Alaska 1978 BA, 1982 MBA; Northeastern 1987 JD  
 Began Service: January 2006  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, Alaska District, Executive Office for United  
 States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1989-2001); U.S.  
 Attorney, District of Alaska, Executive Office for United States Attorneys,  
 United States Department of Justice (2001-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1987-1989)

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**James M. Fitzgerald**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1920  
 Education: Willamette 1950 BA, 1951 LLB  
 Began Service: March 3, 1975  
 Appointed By: President Gerald Ford  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Alaska, United  
 States Department of Justice (1952-1956); City Attorney, State of Alaska  
 (1956-1959); Legal Counselor, Governor William Allen Egan (R-AK),  
 Office of the Governor, State of Alaska (1959); Commissioner of Public  
 Safety, State of Alaska (1959)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court, Third District (1959-1972);  
 Associate Justice, Alaska Supreme Court (1972-1975)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1940-1941); United States Marine  
 Corps (1942-1946)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association

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**James A. von der Heydt**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1919  
 Education: Albion 1942 BA; Northwestern 1951 JD  
 Began Service: 1966  
 Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson

**Corporate:** Western Union (1937-1938); Western Union (1942-1943);  
 Weldon Construction Co. (1943-1944); Sommers Construction Co.  
 (1944-1945); Gaasland Construction Co. (1951)

**Government:** Deputy United States Marshal, District of Alaska, United  
 States Department of Justice (1945-1948); United States Attorney, District  
 of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1951-1953)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court (1959-1966)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1953-1959)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar Association

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**Deborah M. Smith**  
Magistrate Judge

**Government:** First Assistant U.S. Attorney, Alaska District, Executive  
 Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice; U.S.  
 Attorney, Alaska District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys,  
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**Matthew D. Jamin**

Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Colgate 1969 BA; Harvard 1974 JD  
 Began Service: November 1, 1984  
 Term Expires: October 2008

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge (part-time) Philip M. Pallenberg**

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**Philip M. Pallenberg**

Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1961  
 Education: U Washington 1983 JD  
 Began Service: December 14, 2000

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge (part-time) Mary E. Guss**

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**Mary E. Guss**

Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1950  
 Education: Lewis & Clark 1976 JD  
 Began Service: December 14, 2000  
 Term Expires: December 2008

**Affiliation:** Attorney, Mary E. Guss, Attorney at Law

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor, University of Alaska, Ketchikan Campus  
 (1993-1998)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas E. Schulz, Alaska Superior  
 Court (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Ziegler, Cloudy, Smith, King & Brown (1978-1982); Law  
 Office of Clifford H. Smith (1982-1990); Mary E. Guss, Attorney at Law  
 (1991)

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**H. Russel Holland**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
 Education: Michigan 1958 BBA, 1961 LLB  
 Began Service: 1984  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Alaska Supreme Court (1961-1963)

**Legal Practice:** Stevens & Savage (1965-1966); Partner, Stevens, Savage,  
 Holland, Erwin & Edwards (1967-1968); Sole Practitioner, Law Office  
 of H. Russel Holland (1968-1970); Partner, Holland & Thornton  
 (1970-1978); Partner, Holland, Thornton & Trefry; Partner, Holland &  
 Trefry (1978-1984); Trefry & Brecht

**Staff**

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**James K. Singleton, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
 Education: UC Berkeley 1961 AB; Boalt Hall 1964 LLB  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court, Third District (1970-1980); Judge,  
 Alaska Court of Appeals (1980-1990); Judge, United States District Court  
 for the District of Alaska (1990-2004); Chief Judge, United States District  
 Court for the District of Alaska (1995-2002)

**Legal Practice:** DeLaney, Wiles, Moore and Hayes (1963); DeLaney, Wiles,  
 Moore and Hayes (1965-1968); Roger Cremo Law Office (1968-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar  
 Association; Anchorage Bar Association, Inc.; The State Bar of California

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**John D. Roberts**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
 Education: Hampden-Sydney 1964 BS; Washington and Lee 1968 LLB  
 Began Service: 1977  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles R. Scott, United States  
 District Court for the Middle District of Florida (1968-1969)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida,  
 United States Department of Justice (1970-1974); Assistant United States  
 Attorney, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice  
 (1974-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Phillips, Kendrick, Gearheart & Aylor (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; Federal Magistrate Judges  
 Association; The Virginia Bar Association